

carrying a positive banner of hope and leadership, it will need to be like Jack Kemp's. Perhaps with the loss of Jack Kemp, the time has come for the party and Conservatives in general to reexamine their priorities and reach out to all Americans.

Indeed it is a time for all Americans to rekindle their faith in an America of strong commitment to a free market system which strives to reach all Americans, not with a hand out but with a hand up. Kemp reminded us "There are no limits to our future if we don't put limits on our people."

At the same time, Jack never lost his commitment to the idea that a growing economy is the only answer to enriching more Americans instead of fewer. He saw redistribution of wealth as a policy for failure. His vision for government was simple: "Every time in this century we've lowered the tax rates across the board, on employment, on saving, investment and risk-taking in this economy, revenues went up, not down." It was interesting that another dynamic leader in the Democratic Party held that same view, John F. Kennedy, another inspirational leader.

Finally, as the Republican Party thinks about its future and the Democrats, now in power, contemplate how they responsibly use their power, we should remember Jack Kemp's words "Democracy without morality is impossible." I, as so many others Americans of all colors and all parties, will miss Jack Kemp.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVY LEAGUE BREMERTON-OLYMPIC PENINSULA COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LONE SAILOR STATUE MEMORIAL

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor of the House today to express my support and appreciation for the Navy League of the United States and congratulate the members of the Navy League Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council upon the dedication of the Lone Sailor Statue Memorial at Bremerton, Washington.

The Lone Sailor Statue is symbolic of the many sacrifices made by our mariners, their families and the communities that support them. On May 23, 2009, the Navy League Bremerton—Olympic Peninsula Council will dedicate a Lone Sailor Statue Memorial at Bremerton Harborside in Bremerton, Washington. This statue honors and embodies the longstanding bond the city and region share with our Navy and maritime past.

Since its founding, the United States has relied upon access to and unhindered use of the world's oceans in order to enhance its security and maintain its interests. The sea services of the United States; the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S. Merchant Marine, were essential to our young Nation's security, growth and prosperity then, and they remain so today.

The Navy League of the United States was formed in 1902 to ensure continued support for the men and women of the sea services in their duties. It continues this vital mission today through the education of our citizenry and the Nation's political leaders on the important role of the sea services and the sacrifices

made by our Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Merchant Mariners around the world.

The dedication of the Lone Sailor Statue Memorial in Bremerton is a testament to the sustained effort of the entire Navy League Bremerton—Olympic Peninsula Council and many, many community contributors and volunteers. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to all who contributed their time and effort to make this event possible.

JUAN AND LUIS YEPEZ, RECIPIENTS OF SBA'S PHOENIX AWARD

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Juan and Luis Yezpe, small business owners in Lawrence, MA, for receiving the Small Business Administration's 2009 Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery. The SBA gives the Phoenix Award to individuals who display selflessness, ingenuity and tenacity in the aftermath of a disaster, while contributing to the rebuilding of their communities.

The entrepreneurial Yezpe brothers are owners of Mainstream Global, a small computer product distribution company. The Yezpe brothers chose to locate their business in the old industrial City of Lawrence and to become part of the surrounding community. Unfortunately, in May 2006 the company's facilities along the banks of the Merrimack River flooded, destroying hundreds of thousands of dollars of equipment and forcing a three-month shutdown of the business.

Despite this setback, Juan and Luis kept their twelve employees on payroll throughout the recovery process, and now, in the midst of a deep recession, they have expanded Mainstream Global to a staff of thirty-two. The Yezpe brothers continue to be committed partners in the rebirth of Lawrence by investing in the renovation of other old, abandoned mill buildings in the downtown, converting these buildings into office space, educational facilities, and affordable housing.

I congratulate the Yezpe brothers for their outstanding contribution to the City of Lawrence and its residents, and their dedication to the revitalization of our community.

PRAISING THE HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA CITY COMMISSION FOR ITS SUPPORT IN THE REALIZATION OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MULTICULTURAL ART PROJECT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the City of Hollywood, Florida City Commission, and in particular, City Manager Cameron D. Benson and Grants Manager Renée Jean, for their instrumental support in the realization of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Art Project. On May 21, 2009, the City of Hollywood, Florida City Com-

mission will dedicate a bronze bust of Dr. King in ArtsPark at Young Circle in Historic Downtown Hollywood, FL, in honor of Dr. King's life and legacy.

This project would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of City Manager Benson and Grants Manager Jean, who, faced with a challenging fiscal year and budget cuts, were committed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Art Project from its inception to its completion. In 2008, Benson proposed the project in response to a community recommendation to the City Commission to create an initiative to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Determined to find a way to finance the project without using General Fund monies, Jean successfully secured a \$50,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the construction and implementation of the project. After issuing a national "Call to Artists" and evaluating proposals, the City Artist Selection Committee selected Steven Whyte of Steven Whyte Studios in California to create the original art piece.

Whyte's hand-sculpted bronze bust of Dr. King weighs approximately 200 pounds and sits upon a large base that will be inscribed with the immortal words of Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. This lasting tribute to Dr. King's dream and courage will become a permanent fixture in regionally acclaimed ArtsPark at Young Circle, a public venue for arts, education, recreation and entertainment, and in the Hollywood community.

Madam Speaker, the realization and completion of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Art Project is a celebration of diversity in the City of Hollywood and a reminder to all visitors to continue working to realize Dr. King's dream of equality for all. Once again, I would like to recognize and thank Mr. Benson, Ms. Jean, and the City of Hollywood, Florida City Commission for their support of this project and for their commitment to the community.

BARBARA McCLAIN OWNER AND PRESIDENT, McCLAIN CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. AND ALUSIA, AL

HON. BOBBY BRIGHT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. BRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor America's entrepreneurs, those distinguished individuals who support our communities, drive innovation, and keep our nation strong. Small businesses bring fresh ideas to the table, develop the resources to meet the demands of an ever-changing world, and make a meaningful impact on our neighborhoods. Entrepreneurs are responsible for providing 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs, giving them the potential to propel rapid economic growth and expand ever-developing fields. Some of the country's largest companies began as start-ups in small offices, homes and garages exploring these new fields. Limited only by their imagination, these firms performed cutting-edge work in emerging industries that have become the very foundation of our society.

As our nation and the world face the most difficult economic conditions in decades, entrepreneurs have the potential to lead us back to